

## Automatic Visa Revalidation

Re-entering the U.S. with an expired visa after a visit to  
Canada, Mexico and adjacent Islands

Automatic visa revalidation allows most F-1 students to return to the U.S from **Canada, Mexico, or one of the islands (except Cuba) adjacent to the United States** with an expired U.S. F-1 Visa.

*You may be eligible for Automatic Visa Revalidation only if you:*

1. have a **valid SEVIS Form I-20** with **travel signature**
2. have a **valid unexpired Form I-94 (card or electronic printout)**
3. have a **valid passport**
4. return from a visit of **less than 30 days** to Canada, Mexico, or one of the islands (except Cuba) adjacent to the United States.

*However, if you meet any one of following criteria, you will not be able to automatically revalidate your visa.*

- You applied for a **new visa and it has not been issued**
- You applied for a **new visa and were denied**
- You have a **terminated SEVIS record** indicating that you are out of Status
- You have been out the U.S. for **more than 30 days**
- You are a **citizen** of the following countries: **Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Syria**

*“Adjacent Islands” include:*

- Saint Pierre
- Miquelon
- The Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Bermuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Jamaica
- The Windward and Leeward Islands
- Trinidad
- Martinique
- Other British, French, Netherlands territory or possessions in or bordering on the Caribbean Sea

You are eligible to visit **Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands with your expired U.S. visa**. But you will need a valid SEVIS Form I-20 and a valid unexpired Form I-94. Be sure that you do not have a terminated SEVIS record indicating that you are out of status.

Additional Information can be found on the Department of Homeland security website:  
[http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq\\_f2.htm#\\_toc81222014](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f2.htm#_toc81222014)